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Singyuren



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A **Singyuren**, otherwise known as a **merlion**, was a legendary beast that was said to to have body of a fish and the head of a lion who attacked fishermen. Tales of Singyurens have been greatly exaggerated over the years. In truth, they were an already endangered species and were further driven to extinction by the witchers who first landed on the shores of [Sabana](#) and used it as the namesake for their school.

Description

The only accurate detailed accounts on Singyurens exist in a dusty old bestiary in the fortress of Kubu Kann. In actuality, the Singyurens were neither fish nor mammal, but rather amphibious reptiles who occasionally came to shore to rest and feed on small animals. They were rather large, being slightly longer and taller than a walrus, however less bulky. There were three reasons why they were thought to be part lion. The first is that they

Singyuren



Taxonomy

ClassificationHybrid

Physiology

HideScales

Ecology

HabitatNear the shore (Amphibious)

PreyFish, Small land mammals

had a shorter and more squished jaws compared to other reptiles in addition to a triangular snout. The second was their tentacle-like fin rays surrounding their face resembling a mane. The third is likely their wide and long bendy-clawed frontal limbs that resemble bear arms and act as flippers underwater. They also have flippers at the end of their tails and a pair of wing-like appendages near their rear that act as hind fins to help propel them underwater and support them on land for short periods of time. They also had an additional set of smaller spiny fin rays that ran along their back.

When idle on land, they would sit in a pose similar most pinnipeds. When threatened or hunting however, they would use their front limbs in combination with their hind appendages to dash towards their prey or away from danger in a quick crawl. Their hind limbs can only support them for a short period of time however. Their tentacle manes, spiny fin rays and long flexible claws aren't all for show either; they are highly venomous. When up close, the Singyuren would either slash with their claws or lunge at their prey, clamp down on them with their jaws and use their tentacles to venom strike them. When threatened, their spiny fin rays and tentacle manes would extend in a show of dominance to threaten their foe.

Trivia

- The Singyuren is highly based on the Merlion, a mythical creature the national symbol of Singapore.
- The name Singyuren comes from a combination of singa (Malay word for lion), duyung (Malay/Indonesian word for mermaid) and syrenka (the Polish word for mermaid/siren).

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Initial sketches of the Singyuren

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